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*Whereas, Four major problems threaten the health of America's babies: birth defects, infant mortality, low birthweight, and lack of prenatal care;*

*Whereas, On an average day in America, 411 babies are born with a birth defect, and 18 babies die as a result of a birth defect;*

*Whereas, The parents of one out of every 28 babies receive the frightening news that their baby has a birth defect;*

*Whereas, In order to understand more fully the causes and prevalence of birth defects and their affect on public health, and to be able to reduce their incidence, the monitoring and identification of birth defects is essential;*

*Whereas, Monitoring and identification of birth defects could help to identify clusters or groupings of birth defects across the state, help to better focus research efforts on why these birth defects are occurring in order to aid in prevention, and better enable families who have children with birth defects to be connected to services;*

*Whereas, The nation's hope for ensuring that future generations get the best chance for a healthy start in life depends upon accurate and timely monitoring and*



*identification of birth defects: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to establish an  
2       interim study committee to research the monitoring and identification  
3       of birth defects.

4       SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate under  
5       the direction of the legislative council and that the committee shall  
6       issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

